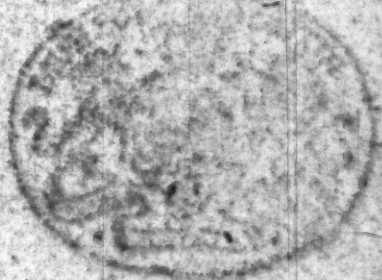


# **The enquirie**

**and verdite of the quest pan-  
neld of the death of Ri-  
chard hune wich was  
founde hanged in  
Lolars tower.**



*Henry R...*

*R...*

Handwritten musical notation on a five-line staff. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a series of notes and rests. The notes are written in a stylized, cursive manner. The first measure contains a quarter note, followed by a half note, and then a quarter note. The second measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The third measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The fourth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The fifth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The sixth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The seventh measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The eighth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The ninth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The tenth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The eleventh measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The twelfth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The thirteenth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The fourteenth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The fifteenth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The sixteenth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The seventeenth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The eighteenth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The nineteenth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The twentieth measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a quarter note. The notation is written in black ink on aged, yellowed paper.





## To the Reader.



**D**ee (moost deare Reader) howe suttellie the truethe is euer persecuted might seme grea- te woonder / but that the holie goo- ste hath oft tymes s<sup>h</sup>ewed and testifi- ed in the Scripture that hit shuld so be. what kynd of persecucion hath bene vnproned? what can be imagined that hath not hitherto bene prac- tised concerning soche thynges? In some places they heede & after ward burne / in some places they brynge straichte wayle to the fyre. when that hit will not serue / or þ they dare not hurte the person liuyng by cause of his riches or power &c. yet wyl they burne him after he died peasable in his bed / as they dide wiclesse & Cracie with other / to kepe the symple innocent sowles which they haue made blyn- de still to contynewe in darknes / sayyng / he was an heretique who so euer kepe his opiniōs shalbe bur- ned liuyng / and so the burning of that which seal- te no paine is a grea te feare to the ignoraunt that seith hit.

Some be cause they be wylle and bitter the hypo- crisy and abhominable lpyng of whozehunters with discrete communicacion / so that no man can gayne saye or accuse them but they say truethe be brought in to prysone and heresies fained oute of hande that be sparppled abroad to the people with all the apparence of veritie that can be diuised to perswade them that the parties be not prysoned vn- deserued / wiche if they wyl not confesse and pro- mize to be openlie abiured to theyre grea te shame  
ther

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theire neckes be broken or elles they be some other  
wise conueyde / and after hanged by / and than saide  
and preached to that they hanged them selues / as  
was this Hune / wich to be trewe thou shal easilie  
perceauie by the enquirie and verditte of the queere  
here in this litell treatise conteyned. yf they be poore  
and want frendes and no euident cause founde  
wherfoze they shuld suffre / then die they in prison  
no man knowith howe / hit is straight waie saide  
if any man axe of them that they died of one disease  
or other and no moore woordes ar made. yf a man  
knowyng theyre malicouse hertes get hym fur-  
ther from daunger in to some other realme / wich  
haplie is to circumspect to be taken by any comma-  
ne officer or knowen enemye / straight waie cause  
they one or other for money to play Judas part and  
to make hym self greate with the partie / & as thou-  
ghe he fauored hym singularlie to make moche on  
hym tyll he see his tyme & than betray him / as they  
haue euen now played with William Tyndal a man  
of synguler vertuousnes and of no lesse lernyng and  
iugement in scripture and of a rare gentillnes of co-  
ditions as all they can testyfie that knewe hym and  
blessed familiaritie with hym. Summa to kepe by the  
Kyngdome of fornicatours and aduocaters that  
they may liue in all pleasure and ydelnes / seruyng  
theyre belies onelie and lyving more viciouslie than  
euer did the hethen / & for the enstablissement ther-  
of to thrust downe vertuous lyuyng and trewe pre-  
chyng hath no sotteltie bene vnsought for / nor no-  
ne shalbe I feare me of theyre parties / vntyll they  
be yet brought lower / I speake of the bad / for the  
good as they haue in euery place for the moost part  
to it



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to litell so can they not haue ed moche. Thus seist thou theire practise before this tyme bled how they haue with all sotteltie persecuted them that of good zeale and lone haue frelie spoken the trueth / and how they haue hyd and clocked that they dyd with the appareance of holines / as thowghe they had done hit to extinct heresies / for so made they the people to beleue. Other frutes haue they hither to not brought forth. So long space violentlie to haue subdued goddes holie woord weere as me semyth to moche and the tyme now counuenient with hast to reforme them sealues and to prepare theire hartes lounnglye to receaue the woorde of theire sowles health and wplynglye to distribute hit to the symple and ignoraunte people / euerpe man accordyng to his gift / yet se I not that they be any thing wplyng therunto but rather in mynde to rage moare then they did before.

The light is now broken forth (thanks be to the Lord) mager theire bearded / and they brought in no small feare of sodaine ruine of theire kyngdome / yet by cause they se the world hath not fully forsaken theire deceyuable doctrine in all places / they hope of a chaunge / and haue theire secreete conspirisies deuised with all sutteltie to byng that to pas / the good they do they do by compulsion and for feare of losyng theire possessions / hitherto is there no sygne of repentaunce taken in herte for theire abhominacions so long bled. Styll lyue they as they did before / they ar no les desirouse of promotion / no les delited in belyf / in wealfaring / in gorgeous rayment / as readie to abhoze chast matrimonye and daylie to commit whoordome and aduoutrie

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trie/as lothe to do the busines which they ar onelie  
bound to as euer they weere/ I meane to preache  
with synceritie goddes wholie wooorde and that for  
loue and zeale that they haue to se chriſten lyuing  
flouriſhe and not for the fylthie lukres ſake. They  
ſtand but at a ſtay tyll they may ſynd by one meanis  
or other aſwaye to byng in theyre olde accostomed  
vices to be counted holines/ as they in tymes paſt  
haue made the world to beleue. They do but diſſem-  
ble in vtwarde apperaunce/in hert they be infect &  
theyre accostomed traterie/ euer readie when occaſi-  
on ſhalbe geuen to playe theyre partes a thoſand  
tymes moare tyranionſlie than euer they did. So  
leane they theire olde furioſe hepte of māquelling  
that neuertheleſſe they ſtyll intend yet ones a gayne  
to raiſe hit vp. What hertes haue theſe men? What  
token of meaknes and ſofferaunce is yet eſpied in  
them? What ſigne of retorne from theire biſpekable  
malice? Which ſpringeth of no nother thyng than of  
auarice & deſire to liue voluptuouſlie. Thoſe ſe be  
good note I not but ſe euill nether hate I or wold  
any man ſhuld hate the perſons of them but the vi-  
ces/ which I wold gladlie were amended not increa-  
ſed. If we touch them neuer ſo littell then heare we  
that we rayle on them/ blaſpheme them/ belie them  
and ſpeake vncharitablie by them. to which thyng I  
thus anſwere / yf they wold indifferentlie ſerch  
what is ſaide & applie hit to the reule of haritie they  
ſhuld ſynd no thyng ſpoken but trueth/ no thyng ſo  
ſharpeſſe touched as is of theyre parte deſerued.  
Let euery man which ſyndeth hym ſealf anie thing  
grieved deſcend in to iugment of his awne conſci-  
ence and aſke what hit ſaith/ which yf they wold often  
do th



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Do they shuld sone fynde all that is spoken to be les  
than the trueth / seme hit at the fyrst neuer so sharp  
or rigourouse. Neither is euerie sharp woord vnchari-  
table / except S. Iohn baptist were not wel anised  
when he called the Pharizees & Saducees the ge-  
neracion of vipers Mat. iij. or oure sauoure Christ  
oute of charitie vsyng the seale woordes. Math. xij.  
And agayne sayyng to them woo be to you Scribes  
pharizees hypocrites. Mat. xxij. Luce. xi. & in  
biij. of Iohn calleth he them the sonnes of the deuill.  
Saint Paule also to one Elimas a socerer was  
not aserde to saye. O full of sotteltie and deceptful-  
nes the chyld of the deuill and the enemy of al righte-  
wines thou ceasist not to peruert the straight way  
se of the lord. Acto. xij. Men may not liue as blin-  
de as betelles / as ignoraunt as asses / as sottell as  
foxes / as lecherouse as gootes / moare beastlie than  
beastes / and loke styll that God wyll suffer them  
ether to be vnspoken of or unpunysshed / but ra-  
ther shuld think that their offences be (as the tru-  
eth is) so hanouse that no tong can expresse them no  
hand endite them no wit cōprehend them & sorow  
and repent them and continuallie praye to theyre  
most mercifull father to geue them some sparkell  
of grace wherbie the may amende them.

Leat falsed giue place to the trueth. Leat vicious-  
se lyuing be hated / and vertue had in price. Leat  
rancor be toyned into loue vnfayned. Leat the ler-  
ned beare with the ignoraunt so far as may be suf-  
fered / and the ignoraunt be obsequiouse to heare  
the lerned : ye leat the lerned rather studie one to  
be cōformable to a nother / and one charitablie and  
indifferentlie beare a nother / and dispute with pa-  
cien-

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eiſce not with braunlynge and a gree louinglie with  
oute ſcholdynge/euery man knowynge that he may  
erre & excludynge ſeaſſwyl and ſiniſtre iugement  
and than no doute but all ſharp monitions ſhall ceaſe  
and in their ſteade ſuccede praiſe to the eternall  
God/ in whoſe power hit onely lyeth this thyng  
to performe and amongeſt men greate lone and con  
corde/and alſo thankes geuyng for his ineſtimab  
le goodnes/to whom be all honoure and praiſe for  
euer. Amen.

Of their dyuers and manyfold factions  
this be ſufficient at this tyme / now her  
ken to the enquire and ſentens geuen  
concernynge the death of the aſſoz  
ſaide Richard Hune.

**Reade Reader  
and iuge.**





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**T**he .v. and the .vi. Daye of  
Decēber / in the .vi. yere of ꝑ regne of our  
suffrayne Lord King Henry the .viij. Wylle-  
m Barnwel / Crowner of London / the daye & yere  
aboue saide / within the warde of Castilbayner-  
de of London Assembled in a quest whose names  
afterward do appere / and hath swozne them treuly  
to enquere of the death of one Richard hune / which  
lanelle was fownde deed in the iolars toswore / with  
in panles church of London wheruppon all we of ꝑ  
inqueste to geather went by in to the saide toswore /  
where we fownd the bodie of ꝑ saide hune hangyng  
vpon a staple of Iron / in a gyrdel of sylke / with fayr  
countinanne / his heed sayre kemmyd / & his bon-  
net right syttyng a pon his heed / with his eyne and  
mouth sayre closed / with oute any starpyng / gapyng /  
oz frowning. Also with oute any dzeueling oz spur-  
gyng in any place of his bodye where vpon by one  
assent all we agreede / to take dōvne the bodie of the  
saide hune / and as sone as we began to heue ꝑ bodie  
hit was loose / wherbie by good aduiselement we per-  
cepued that the gyrdel had no knot a bone the scaple /  
but hit was double cast / and lynckes of an Iron chap-  
ne which dyd hang on the same staple were leyde a  
pon ꝑ same gyrdell wherby he did hang. Also ꝑ knot  
of the gyrdel that went a bonte his neck stode vnder  
his leftte eare / wich caused his heed to leyne toward  
his right Bouldier. Natwithstandyng there came ou-  
te of his nose turles .iiij. small streames of blode to the  
quantitie of .iiij. droppes Sane onelic these .iiij. drop-  
pes of blode / the face / lippes / chynne / doublet / collar  
& Burte of the saide hune was cleane from any blou-  
de Also we fynde that the skyn bothe of his necke / &  
throte by nethe the gyrdel of sylke / was freat & faled  
b awaye

awaye / with that thyng which the murtherers had broken his necke withall. Also the handes of þe saide hūne were wrong in the wyfstes: wherby we perceyued þe his handes had bene bounde.

More ouer we fynde that within the saide prisonne was no meane wherby any man myght hang hym selfe but onelie a stole / wich stole stode apon a bolster of a bed / so yckel that any man or beest might not touche hit so litell but hit was readie to fall. wherby we perceyued that hit was not possible that hūne myght hang hym selfe the stole so standyng. Also all the gyrdell from the staple to his necke / as well as the part wich wēt aboute his necke was so lytel for his heed to cum oute there at. Also hit was not possible that þe soft sūken gyrdell shuld breake his neck or skynne betwene þe gyrdell. Also we fynde in a corner / some what be yownde the place where he did hang a greate percel of bloude. Also we fynde that apon the leaſte syde of hūnes Jacket from the breste downward be greate streames of bloude. Also within the flappe of the leaſte syde of his Jacket / we fynde a greate clouster of bloude / and the Jacket foolden downe theruppon / wich thyng the saide hūne condeneier foold noȝ doo after he was hanged. wherbie hit aperitith playnly to vs all that the neck of hūne was broken / and the greate plentie of bloude was ſede befoze he was hanged. wherfoze all we fynd by God & all oure consciences / that Richard hūne was murtherd / also we aquite the saide richard hūne of his awne deeth

Also an ende of a wax candel wich as John Bellynger saith he left in the prisonne burnyng with hūne that same sondaye at night that hūne was murdered wich wax candel we founde stichyng apon the stockes faire put oute / aboute vij. or viij. fote from the place where hūne was hangede / wich candel after oure opinion



opinion was neuer put oute by him / for many likeli-  
hoodes wiche we haue perceyued. Also at þe goyng by  
of master Chaunceler in to solars tower we haue good  
prose that there laye on the stockkes a gosone ether of  
murrey or crymson in grayne furred w<sup>th</sup> Bakes / who-  
se gosone hit was we coulde neuer proue / nether who  
bare hit waye. All we fynde þe M. William horesley  
chaunceler to my lord of londō hath had at his cōmaū  
demēt bothe þe rule & gyding of the saide prisoner / by  
all the tyme of his imprisonment. Moreover all we  
fynde þe þe saide master Horesley Chaunceler hath put  
oute charles Joseph of his office / as the saide charles  
hath confessed by cause he wold not deale and vse the  
saide prisoner so cruelly / and do to hym as þe Chaun-  
celer wolde haue had hym to do. Notwithstanding þe  
keyps deliuerance to the Chaunceler by charles on  
the satyrday at night before hannes deeth / and charles  
ryding onte of the towne on the sondaye in the mor-  
nyng ensuyng was but a conuencion made be twyxt  
Charles and the Chaunceler / for to colour the mur-  
ther / for the same sondaye that Charles rode forth  
he cam agayne to towne the same sondaye nyght and  
kylled richard hune / as in the deposicions of Julian  
Lytel / Thomas Chytcheley / Thomas Symondes /  
and Peter Corner dothe appere

After colouring of the murther be twyxt charles and  
the Chaunceler conspired / the Chaunceler called to  
him one John spaldyng bellrynger of Daules / & deliue-  
red to þe same bellrynger þe keyps of þe solars tower  
geuyng to the saide bellrynger a greate charge / saing  
I charge þe to kepe hym more straitlie than he hath  
bene kept / and let him haue but one meale a daye. Mo-  
reouer I charge þe leat no bodie come to him without  
my licence / nether bryng Burte / kappe / kercheffe / or  
any other thyng / but þe I see hit before hit come to him

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Also before hune was caried to fulham the Chaunceler comāunded to be put upon hunnys necke a greate coller of Iron with a greate chayne wich is to heuy for any beest to were and long to endure.

Moze ouer hit is well proued y before hunnys deeth the saide Chaunceler cam by in to y saide solars tower & kne:yd downe before hun/holdyng by his handes to him/prayng hym of forgyuenes of all that he hath done to hym and must do to hym. And on the sondaye folowing the Chaunceler comāunded the penetēsarie of Paules/to go by to him and saye him a Gospel / & make for him holie bred and holie water/and geue hit to him which so did/ and after the Chaunceler comāunded that hune shuld haue his dynner/ And the same dynner tyme Charlis boye was shut in prisonne with hun/wiche was neuer so before/ and after dynner when the belrynger fet oute the boye/ the belrynger saide to the same boye/come no moare hither with meate for him vntyll to morow at none / for master Chaunceler hath comāunded that he shall haue but one meale daye and the same nyght folowing Richard hune was murthered/wich murther conde not haue bene done with oute consent and licens of the Chaunceler/and also by the wyttynge and knowlege of John spaldyng belrynger/for there conde no mā come in to the prisonne but by the keyps / beyng in John belryngers keapyng. Also as by my Lorde of Londons booke dothe appere John belrynger is a poore innocent man/wherfore all we do perceue that this murther conde not be done but by the comāndemēt of the Chaunceler/and by the wyttynge and knowyng of John belrynger

Charles Joseph with in the tower of London/ of his awne frewyl and vnconstreyned saide/ y master Chaunceler deuised/and wrote w. h. his awne hande

So he  
thought  
he shu-  
d neu ca-  
e moare  
for he ha-  
d prepa-  
red his  
dynner  
agaynst  
the mon-  
daye



hande/ all suche heriffes as were layde to hunnes  
charge Beacord/ John god/ John crupe/ John pas  
mar/ Richard Gylson with manie other

Also charles Joseph saith that whan Richard  
hune was slayne/ John bellrynger bare bp the step  
re into the tolars towar a swat candell/ haupng the  
keyys of the dozes hāgng on his arme/ and J char  
les went next to him/ and master Chaunceler cam  
bp last/ and when all we cam bp/ we founde hune ly  
eng on his bed/ and then master Chaunceler saide  
laye handes on the theste/ and so al we iij. murthered  
hune/ and then J charles put y gyrdell aboute hun  
nes neck/ and then John bellrynger and J Char  
les did heue bp hune and master Chaunceler pulled  
the gyrdel ouer the staple and so hune was hanged

**C** The depoficion of Julian lyttel late seru  
ant to Charles Joseph/ by hyr frewylon con  
strayned the xiiij. day of februarie/ in the vi.  
pere of oure soueraine lorde kyng Henrie the  
viij within the chappel of oure ladie of Bedlem  
Beswepd to thynquest

**J**ulian saith y the wennesdaye of night  
after the deeth of Richard hune that Charles  
Joseph her master cam home in to his house  
at x. of the clocke in the nyght/ and set hym  
downe to his supper/ then Julian saide to hym/ ma  
ster hit was tolde me that ye were in presone/ Char  
les answered/ hit is mearie to turne the penie/ and  
after spaper/ Charles trusted pcell of his goodes/  
e with help of Julian bare them in to mastres por  
tars house to kepe/ and that done Charles saide to  
Julian. Julian if thou wilt be swozne to kepe my  
counsel/ I will Besw the my mynde Julia answered  
ye/ yf hit be nether felonie nor treason/ then Charles  
toke a bo

toke a boke oute of his purse/ and Julian sware to  
hym theruppon/then saide Charles to Julian. I ha  
ue destroyed Richard Hune. Alas master saide Julia  
holw/he was called a honest man/Charles answered  
I put a wyze in hys nose/Alas saide Julian now be  
yow cast awaye & bndone/than saide Charles/Julia  
n I trust in the that thou wilt keape my counceill/ &  
Julian answered ye/ but for gooddes sake master  
hyft for youre scalfe/ & than Charles saide/ I had  
leuer thā a C. lib. it were not done/ but that is done  
can not be bndone/Whereouer Charles saide than to  
Julian/bypon sondaye when I rode to my cosynne  
to baryngtons house/ I taried there and made good  
chere all daye tyll hit was night/ and yet before hit  
was mydnyght I was in London/ and had kyled  
Hune/ & apou the next daye I rode thither agayne  
and was there at dynner/ and sent for neyghbars &  
made good chere/than Julian axed Charles/where  
set yowre poure horse that night ye cam to tostone/ &  
wherfore cam you not whome/Charles answered/  
I cam not whome for feare of bewrappng/and than  
Julian axed Charles/who was with yow at þ kyl  
lyng of Hune/Charles answered I wil not tell the/  
& Julian saith that bypon the thursdays folowynge  
Charles taried all daye in his house with greate fea  
re/and appon fridays folowynge perlie in þ mornynge  
before daye Charles went forth(as he saide)he went  
to paules and at his comynge in agayne he was in  
greate feare/saynge hastelie geat me my horse/and  
with greate feare and hast made him redie to ryde/ &  
had mastres portars lad leade his horse in to þ fylde  
by the back syde/and than charles put in to his sleue  
his mase or maseoz with other plate/and borrowed of  
mastres portar bothe gold & syluer but howe much  
I am not sure/and Charles went in to the feld after  
his hoz.



his horse & I brought his boget after hym. Also vpon fridaye in chriſtēnas weke folowynge Charles cam whome late in the nyght / and brought with him iij. bakars anda ſmyth of ſtreat forde / and the ſame nyght they caried oute of Charles houſe all his goos by the ſylde ſyde to the bell at Bozdiche / and per y on the morowe conueyde hit with cartes to ſtreat forde

Moreouer Julian ſaith that ſaturdaye at night before the death of Hune Charles cam whome / and brought with hym a Barnard ſayng hit was for Hune and Charles bove telled to Julian that there was alſo ordered for Hune a pece of treaſure ſalmones wich John bellpenger had

Also Charles ſaide to the ſaide Julian / war not this an vngraceful trouble / I conde byng my lord of London to the dores of heritiques in London booth of men and women that bene woorth M. lib. But I am ferd that ſ vngraceful mydwyfe ſhall be wyape vs all

Also Charles ſaide vnto maſtres porter in like ſort / and more larger ſayng of the beſt in London / wherto maſtres porter answered / ſ beſt in London is my lord maire / than Charles ſaide / I wyll not ſkyl hym quite / for he taketh this matter whorte

where as Charles ioſeph ſaith he laye at neck hylle & a harlot a mannes wiſe in baryngtons houſe the ſame night / & there a bode vntyll the morowe at .xi. of ſ clock that Richard hune was moꝛthered / wher vpon he brought before the kynges counceill for his purgacion & for ſaide baude baryngtonnes wyfe / & alſo that ſaide harlot / wich purgacion we haue proued all vntrewe as right larglie maye appere as well by the depoſicion of Julia littell / as of thomas chutcheley taylor / & of John ſymons ſtacioner / with other / as of Robert iohnſon & Peter toꝛner

**T**he deposicion of Thomas chitcheley taylor  
The saide Thomas saith/the same monday þ Richard  
hune was founde dead & in a quarter of an houre after  
viij a clocke in the morning/ he met & Charles ioseph  
compyng oute of Pauls at the nether north doze/going  
toward pater nost. rewe/saing good morowe M. Char  
les/& the saide charles answered/good morowe/& tur  
ned backe whan he was with oute the church doze/&  
loked apon the saide Chitcheley.

The deposicion of thomas symondes stacioner.

He saith the same morning that hune was founde  
de dead /that within a quarter of an houre after viij.  
a clocke in the morning Charles J oseph cam befoze  
hym at his stalle/and saide good morowe gossep Si  
mons/and the same Symons saide good morowe to  
hym agayne/and þ wiffe of the same Simons was  
by hym/and be cause of the deedly countenaunce &  
hassie goyng of Charles the saide Thomas bad his  
wiffe looke whither Charles gooyth/and as he con  
de perceyne Charles went in to an ale house stan  
dyng in Pater noster rewe by the alep leydyng in to  
the roode of northdozne/or in to the alep / whither  
he conde not well tell

**T**he deposicion of Robert iohnson & his wiffe  
dwelling at the bell in Bozdiche/where Charles  
ioseph set his horse that night þ he cam to towne  
to murther Richard Hune.

The saide Robert saith that Charles ioseph sent his  
horse to his house apon a holiedaye at night a bonte. iij  
weekes befoze chrystemas by a bope/which horse was  
albe swet/& albe myzed:& the saide boy saide/lact my  
fathers horse stond sabelled/for I cannot tell whether  
my father wyll ryde agayne to nyght or not/& the sayde  
horse stode saddelled all night/& in the morning folow  
ing Charles came booted & spored a bonte. viij. of the  
cloc



clocke / and asked if his horse was saddle / & the ser-  
uant answered yee / and the saide Charles leapt vp=  
pon his horse / & prayed the hoste to let hym oute at  
his backe gate / that he might ryde oute by the sylde  
syde / wiche hoste so did / and by cause he was uncertai-  
ne of the daye / we asked him if he had herd speake of  
Humes death of Hume at tyme or not / & he answered nay:  
but shortly after he did. Neuertheles Peter tozner  
Charles sonne in lawe wiche brought the horse by  
nyght in to the bell Robert johnsons house / confes-  
sed hit was the same night befoze that Hume was foun-  
de deede in the moynynge

Moreouer the frydaie befoze Humes death Peter  
tozner saide to an honest wooman a warchaunders  
wife dwelling befoze saint Maries spittel gate / that  
befoze this daye senen nyght Hume shuld haue a mis-  
cheuous deeth. And the same day at after none that  
Hume was founde deede the saide Peter cam to the sa-  
me wife and tolde hir that Hume was hanged / sayng  
what tolde I youe

Also James the Chancellers koke the friday be-  
foze Humes death saide to v. honest men that Hume  
shuld die or christmas / or elles he wolde die for hym  
and on the monday that Hume was founde deede the  
saide James came to the same women / & saide / what  
toolde I you / is he not now hanged.

And we of thynquest asked both of Peter tozner  
and of James kooke where they had knowlege that  
Hume shuld so shortly die / and they saide in master  
Chancellers place by euery man

The deposicion of John spaldyng beerynger

First the saide deponent saith that on saturdaye the  
second daye of December. Anno. 1514. he toke the  
charge of the priesone at .iiij. of the clocke at after noon  
ne / by the commaundement of M. Chancellor / & so  
C toke the

toke the keyes / wher vppon he gaue commaundement to the saide deponent that he shuld let no manner of persone speake with the p[re]soner / except he had knowlege of them / & so at v. of the clocke the same daye the saide deponent went to the p[re]sonner him selfe a loone / & se him and cherishe him / where he gaue the saide deponent a peece of freashe salmons for his wiffe. And after that the saide deponent saith that he wet to master C[om]mensaries to supper with his felowe / where he remembred that he had lefte his knyfe with the saide p[re]sonner / where vppon by the counsel of master C[om]mensarie he went to the p[re]sonner / and featched his kniffe / where he founde the p[re]sonner / sayng of his beades / & so the saide deponent required his kniffe of the saide p[re]sonner / & the saide p[re]sonner deliuered the kniffe to the saide deponent gladlie / & so departed for that night.

And after that on the sondaye next folowynge the saide deponent cam to the p[re]sonner at ix. of the clocke / & axed him what meate he wold haue to his dynner / & he answered but a morsell / & so the saide deponent departed & went to the Chaunceler in to the quere / and he commaunded that he shuld take the penitensarie vp to the p[re]sonner with him to make him holie water & holie bredde / and made the saide deponent to departe the p[re]sonne house for a while / & after that he brought him his dynner & locked Charles boye with him all dynner while / vnto the houre of i. of the clocke / & so let the lad oute againe / & axed him what he wolde haue to his soupper / & he answered that he had meate p[ro]nowghe & so departed vntill vi. of the clock / & then the saide deponent brought with him a quarte of Ale / & at that time one William sampton went with the saide deponent to se the p[re]sonner / where he was and sawe him and spake to geather / & so from



So from the houre of vi. a forsaide vnto xij. a clocke on the morowe the saide deponent came not there / & whē he cā there he met ꝑ Chaunceler with other doctours going to see the p̄sonner / where he hanged

**The depolicion of Peter tozner sone in lawe of Charles Joseph**

First he saith that his father in lawe rode out of towne on sondaie the iij. day of December Anno rē C. and xiiij. at vi. of ꝑ clocke in ꝑ mozning / sweering a coote of oꝛeng taluancy / on a horse coloure grisel / trottyng

He saith that on saturday next before that / one Buttons wyfe gaue knowlege to the saide deponent that his father shuld be arested by dyuers seargeantes as sone as he coude be taken / & ther vppon the saide deponent gaue knowlege to his saide father in lawe / at the blacke friars at the water side / wher vppon he annoyed / & the same night master Chaunceler gaue the keyys to John bellrynger / and gaue him charge of the p̄sonner / & on the saide sondaye the saide deponent with John bellrynger sarued the saide p̄sonner of his dynner at xij. of the clocke / & then John bellrynger saide to the deponent that he wold not cum to him vn to the morowe / for my lord had commaunded hym that the p̄sonner shuld haue but one meales meate of the daye. Not withstādyng that / ꝑ saide John bellrynger after ꝑ he had Butte Paules church dozes sweent to the forsaide p̄sonner with a nother with him / at vij. of the clocke at night the saide sondaye

And the saide deponent saith that he cam on the mō daie at the houre of viij. of the clocke in the mozning to seeke John bellrynger and conde not fynde him / & he was tarted untill ꝑ hie masse of Paules was done / and yet he conde not fynd John bellrynger / & than John bellryngers felowe / one William / deliuered the keyys to se & his the saide depo other cō

inons deponent/ & so the saide deponent with ij. officers of  
D. chan my lordes being sommers weent to serue the saide pre  
lers ch sonner/ and whē they cam they p̄soner (they saide)  
les io= was hanged his face to the wall warde / & ap̄on that  
ph the saide deponent Immediateliē gaue knowlege to  
the Chaunceler/ wheruppon ꝑ Chaunceler went by  
with the master of the rolles/ & master subdeane/ &  
other doctours vnknowē/ to the nowmber of a doze  
and theyre seruauntes

**The deposicion of John enderbie barber**

The saide John enderbie saith the fridaye befoze ꝑ  
deeth of Richard Hune be t̄wixt vij. & ix. of the cloc  
ke in the moznynge he met with John bellrynger in  
estcheape/ & asked of him how master Hune fared/ the  
saide bellrynger answered sayyng/ there is ordened  
for him so greuouse penaunce that whan men heare  
of hit/ they shal haue greete meruayle ther of/ witnes  
ses that herde John bellrynger saye these woordes  
John rutter skriuener and William segar armourer

pet ꝑ sa  
ie ioh̄n  
ellr. sai  
e to the  
q̄st̄ ꝑ he  
am not  
here tyl  
q̄ of the  
clock of  
same  
aye

Also the saide John enderbie saith/ the same mon=  
daye that Richard Hune was founde deede/ he met w̄  
the saide John bellrynger at the coundythe in graci=  
ouse streate/ aboute ix. of the clocke in the moznynge  
areng the saide bellrynger howe master Hune fared/  
ꝑ saide bellrynger answered saing/ he fared well this  
daye in the moznynge be t̄wixt v. and vi. of the klocke  
how beit I am sozie for him/ for ther can no bodie co  
me to him vntill I come/ for I haue the keyys of the  
dozes heare by my gyrdell/ and shewed keyys to the  
saide Enderbie

**The deposicion of Alen cresswel wax chafideler**

The saide Alen saith that John grandger seruaunt  
with my lord of London/ in my lord of Lontons ke  
chin/ at suche time as the saide Alen was serpyng of  
Hunes coffe/ that grandger tolde to him that he was  
present with



With John bellrynger the same sondaye at night that  
Richard Hune was found deed of the morowe whe  
his keper set him in the stocks / in so much the saide  
Hune desired to bozowe the keepers kniffe / & the ke-  
per axed him what he wolde doo with his kniffe / and  
Hune answered. I had leauer kyll my selfe than to  
be thus intreated / this depoficion the saide Allen wil  
proue as farforth as any chzisten man maye / saing þ  
grandger þeswys to him thise woordes of his awne  
freswyl and mynde / with oute any question oz enque-  
ry to him made by the saide Allen / moreouer the saide  
Allen saith / that all that euenyng grandger was in  
greate feare

**T**he depoficion of Richard hozsenaille balive  
of the sentuarie towne called good estur in essex  
The saide Richard saith the fridaye before Chri-  
stenmas daye last past that one Charles Joseph som-  
ner to my lord of London be came a sentuarie man / &  
thaffore saide fridaye he registred his name / the saide  
Charles sayyng hit was fore þ saue garde of his bo-  
die / for there bene sertayne men in London so extreme  
against him for þ deeth of Richard hune that he dar  
not abide in Londone / how be it the saide Charles sa-  
ith he knowlegeth him self gylties of Hunes deeth  
for he deliuered the keyys to the Chaunceler by Hu-  
nes life / also the saide balive saith / that Charles paide  
the dewtie of the saide regestring / bothe to him and  
to sir John studeley bicar

**T**he Copie of my lord of Londons letter  
sent to my lord Cardenall

I Beseeche youre good lordship to stande so good  
lord vnto my poore Chaunceler / now in warde / and  
endited by an vntrewe queste for þ deeth of Richard  
hune / bypon þ onelie accusaciō of Charles Joseph  
made by paine & durannce that by youre intercessiō  
it may

it may please the kynges grace to haue þ matter de-  
liberately & sufficiētly examined by indifferēt personnes of  
his discrete counsell/in þ p̄sence of þ parties or there  
be any moze done in the cause/ & that apon the innocē  
cie of my saide chaunceler declared/it may further plea-  
se the kynges grace/to award a plackard vnto his at-  
tourney to confesse the saide endite ment to be vntre-  
we/whē in the tyme shall requere hit/for assured am. If  
if my Chaunceler be tryed by any xij. men in Lon-  
don they be so maliciously set in fauorē hereticall p̄an-  
tatis/that is as so set apon the fauoure of heresie/þ  
they will cast and condeigne my clarche/though he  
was as innocent as Abel. Quare si potes beate pater  
adiuua infirmitates nostras et tibi in perpetuum de-  
uincti erimus/that is. wherfore if you can/blessed fa-  
ther healep one infirmities and weaknes/& we shall be  
bounde to you for euer/ouer this in moste humble  
wise I beseeche youe that I may haue þ kynges gra-  
cious fauoure/whome I neuer offended wyllinglie  
and that by youre good meanes I mought speke w<sup>th</sup>  
his grace/& be fauorablie heerde/at any tyme it may  
so please his grace & youe / and I w<sup>th</sup> all myne shall  
praye for youre p̄sp̄erouse estate lōg to cōtinwe.

your most humble oratour

W. A.

The wordes þ my lord of London spake be-  
fore the lordes in the parlement chaumber.

Memozandū þ the bisshop of London saide in the par-  
lamēt chaumber þ there was a byll brought to þ par-  
lamēt to make þ iurie that was charged vppō þ deeth  
of Anne treuemen/& saide & toke apon his cōscience  
þ they were falsly perjured captiues/& saide further  
moze to all þ lordes there then beyng. For þ loue of  
god loke apon this matter/for if ye do not I dare not  
kepe myne owne house for heretiques/& saide that the  
saide



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saide Richard hune hanged him selfe / & þ hit was  
 his awne dede / & no mānes elles. And furthermoze  
 saide that there came a mā to his house (whose wiffe  
 was a peched of heresie) to speke w hym / & he saide þ  
 he had no mynde to speake w the same mā / which mā  
 spake & reported to þ seruātes of þ same busshoppe  
 that if his wiffe woold not holde sylly her opinio / he  
 woold cutte her throte with his awne handes / with  
 other woordes moare.

**The sentence of the quest subscribed  
 by the Crowner.**

The inquisicio intendend takē at the cite of Londō  
 in the parisse of sainte Gregorie in the warde of bay-  
 nerd castell in London the vi. daye of Decēber in the  
 yere and raigne of Kyng Henry the viij. the vi. yere /  
 afore Thomas Barnwell crowner of oure soveraine  
 lord the Kyng & in the cite of London aforesaide. At  
 so afore James parforde and John mundie Justices  
 of the saide cite / apon the sight of the bodie of Rich-  
 ard hune late of London tayliour wich was founde  
 hanged in iolars tower / and by the othe and prose of  
 lawfull men of the same warde / and of other iij. war-  
 des next adioyning as hit ought to be after the custō-  
 me in the cite aforesaide to enquire how and in what  
 manner wise the saide Richard hune came vnto his  
 deeth / & apon the othe of John barnarde / Thomas  
 sterre / William warren / Henry Abraham / John abo-  
 rowe / John turner / Robert alen / William marler /  
 John burton / James page / Thomas pickhill / Wil-  
 liam burton / Robart brigewater / Thomas busted /  
 Gilbert howel / Richard Gybson / Christopher crof-  
 ton / John god / Richard holt / John pasmore / Ed-  
 mond hudsō / John auncell / Richard couper / John  
 tynie / the wich saye vpon there othe that where the  
 saide Richard hune by the commaundemēt of Rich-  
 ard bus-

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and Busshop of London was enprisoned and brought  
to holde in a prisone of the saide Busshoppes called  
Isolans tower lypng in the cathedral church of S. Pau  
le in London / in the parisshe of S. Gregorie in the  
warde of baynerdcastell affore saide William hoxsey  
of London clarcke / otherwise called William herlie  
Chaunceler to Richard busshop of London / & one Char  
les ioseph laie of London somner & John spalding of  
London otherwise called John belringer felonoulie as  
felones to oure lord the Kpng with force and armes  
against the peace of oure sofferaine Lord the Kpng / &  
dignitie of his crowne / the.iiij. of daye December the  
yere of the raigne of oure sofferaine Lord the. vi. affoz  
saide / of theire grate malice at the parisshe of sainte Gre  
gorie afforsaide apou the saide Richard Hune made a  
fraye / & the same Richard Hune felonoulie stragelde  
& smotherde / & also the neck they did breake of the saide  
Richard Hune & there felonoulie slewe hym and  
murthered hym / & also the bodie of the saide Richard  
Hune afterward the same. iiij. daye / yere / place / parisshe  
& warde afforsaide by the proper gyrdell of the same  
Richard Hune of spicke / blacke of coloure / of the bal  
le of .x. pce after his death apou a hoke dzyue in to  
apce of tymber in the wal of the prisone afforsaide  
made fast / & so haged hym againste the peace of oure  
sofferaine Lord the Kpng / & the dignitie of his crow  
ne / and so the saide iurie hath swozne apou the holie  
Euangeliste that they saide William Hoxsey clerck /  
Charles Joseph / & John Spaldyng of theyre set ma  
lice then & there felonoulie kyled & murthered the  
saide Richard Hune in Maner & forme a boue saide  
against the peace of oure sofferaine Lord the Kpng /  
his crowne & dignitie. Subscribed in this maner

Thomas Barnewell Cresance  
of the Citie of London.





